



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 326

LCO No. 2550



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

SEN. MARKLEY, 16th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS AND THE FEES CHARGED FOR MEDICAL RECORDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require a health care
- 2 provider or health care facility to: (1) Furnish a patient's health record
- 3 to the patient's personal representative, including (A) the patient's
- 4 parent, guardian or other person with authority to act on behalf of the
- 5 patient, and (B) the executor, administrator or other person authorized
- 6 to act on behalf of a deceased patient; (2) produce a patient health
- 7 record pursuant to a subpoena or court order; (3) charge for
- 8 reproduction of medical records at the rates of: (A) Sixty-five cents per
- 9 page, (B) a research and handling fee of twenty dollars, except if
- 10 requested by a patient or personal representative for which there shall
- 11 be no research and handling fee, and (C) a certification fee of ten
- 12 dollars, if certification is requested, which fees shall be increased based
- 13 on changes in the consumer price index; and (4) produce records in an
- 14 electronic format if the request is for records in an electronic format
- 15 and the requested records are maintained and can be transmitted in an
- 16 electronic format.

Statement of Purpose:

To make changes to the statutes concerning access to medical records and the fees charged for medical records to conform with changes in the health care industry.